

THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20585

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On July 23, 1980 you directed Executive Departments and Agencies to take four specific actions towards furthering energy efficiency in the Federal Government's transportation sector and requested that the Interagency Federal Energy Policy Committee (The "656" Committee) coordinate the implementation of and compliance with this directive. In our September 12, 1980 interim report to you we outlined the progress being made in each area. This is the final report that you requested be made in January 1981.

Ridesharing

In July 1980 you set a National goal of 20% Federal employee participation in some form of ridesharing. Survey data shows that the Federal Government has well exceeded that 20% target and is moving towards the 40% mark. A second ridesharing survey of Federal employees in November/December 1980 shows that:

- 34% use some form of ridesharing
- 61% drive alone
- 5% use some other method of commuting

The 34% is down 4% from the June/July 1980 survey figures; however, this is believed to be a result of variations in the statistical base and not indicative of a decline in ridesharing.

We are pleased with the high level of effort many Federal agencies are displaying in supporting the ridesharing program. The message that fuel conservation is essential is spreading throughout the Federal government

and increasing numbers of State and local agencies are working on cooperative ridesharing programs with Federal agencies. You should be pleased that 30% to 40% of all Federal employees currently commuting to work do use some form of ridesharing.

Goal to Increase MPG

The Federal government is still striving to meet your goal to increase miles per gallon fuel efficiency by 10%. The overall fleet average in FY 1980 was 12.0 miles per gallon, an increase of 6.2% over the FY 1979 fleet average. This is short of your goal but we will continue to emphasize the importance of achieving greater miles per gallon efficiencies to meet this goal.

The number of gallons of fuel used by Federal agencies in FY 80 shows a 10.7% reduction in gallons consumed as well as a 4.9% reduction in miles traveled. The best performance was the GSA motor vehicle fleet which reduced its fuel consumption by 15.6% and improved its fuel efficiency by 18.8%. GSA should be commended for this performance.

Driver Awareness Training

Our goal in driver energy awareness training was to train all drivers of government vehicles in fuel-efficient driving techniques based on the Department of Energy's Driver Energy Conservation Awareness Training (DECAT) program. Such training is now offered through the Department of Energy's DECAT Instructor course, the General Services Administration's Interagency Motor Pool System, the U.S. Postal Service, and the Department of Defense.

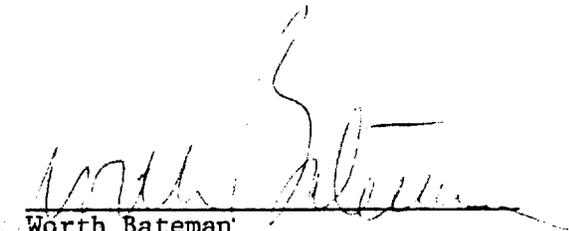
Statistics compiled by the Interagency Federal Energy Policy Committee (656 Committee) indicate that there are over 370,000 Federal drivers eligible for DOE or GSA training courses. To date, over 12% of these drivers have received special lectures and training on fuel efficient driving techniques. Government employees who's primary job is driving a government vehicle will receive special "behind-the-wheel" training. Since this is manpower and instrumented training vehicle dependent, it will be some months before all our Federal drivers will complete this training; however.

These driver training programs are being copied and used by the private sector and they should have a significant impact on improving vehicle miles per gallon efficiency in the years ahead.

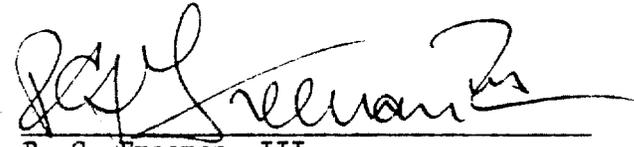
Reprint and Distribution of Materials

This effort was completed last fall. Individuals are still being provided additional printed information as they attend driver training classes.

The overall program of educating our Federal drivers and promoting fuel efficiency and conservation is making excellent progress throughout the Nation. This, coupled with the increased introduction of more fuel efficient vehicles into our Federal motor vehicle fleets, will result in many millions of gallons of fuel saved in the years ahead. The enclosures provide additional detailed information on the results of this program.



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Enclosures